



Bethel Police Commission

12 Judd Avenue
Bethel, CT 06801
Anthony Rubino - Chairman

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Bethel Police Commission
Bethel Police Department, 12 Judd Ave.
Wednesday, October 16, 6:00 pm

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Attending: Tony Rubino, Amy Mannion, Kevin Cleary, Richard Kolwicz, Chief Pugner, Sgt. Zavatsky, First Selectman Carter
Absent: Patrick Morton

Chairman Rubino called the meeting at 6:00 pm

1. Public Comment:

Alan Gambino 28 Benedict Road, Mr. & Mrs. Poole 39 Benedict Road, Sandra Franklin 6 Windaway Road, Mr. & Mrs. Gonzales 193 Old Hawleyville Road, Robert Salerno 1 Hollyberry Drive, Jeffrey Peck 121 Grassy Plain Street, Art Horan (Project Supervisor) Henry Street

Comm. Rubino made a motion to add "Grassy Plain Street" to New Business. Seconded by Comm. Mannion. Vote. All in favor, motion approved. Comm. Mannion made a motion to add "Windaway Road", "Turkey Trot Road Race", and Folds of Honor 5K Race" to New Business. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

2. Review of past minutes:

The motion to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2024 was made by Comm. Kolwicz. Seconded by Comm. Cleary. Comm. Mannion abstained. Vote, motion approved.

3. Budget Report:

Comptroller and Overtime Reports:

Chief Pugner answered a few questions on the Comptroller Report. He explained that the overtime for Dispatch is high due to be down several dispatchers.

Comm. Mannion made a motion to accept the Comptroller and Overtime reports. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

4: Old Business:

Chief Pugner updated the commission on the following:

Promotional Test Update: The scores are finalized and the interviews will be conducted at the Special Meeting next week.

Judd Avenue: The signs are up on Judd Avenue. The State DOT will be doing a study of trucks turning right from Route 58 onto 302. Sgt. Zavatsky found that the guardrail at the bottom of Judd Avenue is owned by Bethel Crossing. He notified them that it is up to the Homeowners Association to replace it.

Chimney Drive: Sgt. Zavatsky set up Selective Enforcement on Chimney Drive and will have data next month.

Henry Street: Sgt. Zavatsky found that there is an issue with the road being narrow when cars park on both sides of the street. He also spoke to the owner of an "abandoned" vehicle and requested it be removed. He recommended to the commissioners that "No Parking" signs be put up on one side of the road and then evaluate if anything further needs to be done. Comm. Rubino made a motion to install "No Parking" signs as soon as possible on Henry Street. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

Animal Shelter: First Selectman Carter said that personnel from Public Works will be taking a tour of DAWS and maybe the Danbury Animal Shelter for building ideas for a new shelter.

5. New Business:

Monthly Reports, UCR: Comm. Mannion pointed out that the officers are making a huge effort with traffic enforcement as there were over 400 traffic stops last month. A discussion ensued on the number of stops this year vs. last. Chief Pugner noted that larcenies at Target are out of control.

New Policies: There are no new policies this month. This is tabled until next month.

Handicap Spot Greenwood Avenue: There was a request for a handicap parking spot to be made in front of Byrd's Books on Greenwood Ave. The commission recommended that it be looked into and it will be discussed next month.

Old Hawleyville Speed: A complaint was made regarding speeding cars on Old Hawleyville Road. Comm. Rubino made a motion to do traffic enforcement from Route 6 to the Brookfield line.

Benedict Road Speed: Many residents were present to express concerns about speeding cars on Benedict Road. A discussion ensued. Chief Pugner noted that Benedict Road has had the most traffic enforcement done in the past few years and will set up speed signs and have Selective Enforcement done on the road. The data will be collected and evaluated.

Grassy Plain Street: A discussion ensued about speeding cars on Grassy Plain Street. Comm. Rubino made a motion to do traffic enforcement on Grassy Plain Street. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

Windaway Road: A discussion ensued about speeding cars on Windaway Road. Sgt. Zavatsky said he will meet with Ms. Franklin to get more information. Comm. Rubino made a motion to do traffic enforcement on Windaway Road. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

Turkey Trot: Comm. Kolwicz made a motion to accept the application for the annual Turkey Trot road race. Seconded by Comm. Mannion. Vote, all in favor. Motion approved.

Folds of Honor 5K Race: The race route was planned without prior approval. Comm. Mannion made a motion to approve the race with the proposed route subject to approval of Chief Pugner and Sgt. Zavatsky. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

6. Correspondence:

A letter regarding speeding on Benedict Road was given to the commission.

A letter from a dog bite victim commending SO Lajoie, Off. Ammon, and MACO Shanley was received.

A letter from Megan Alworth-Kazadian praising MACO Shanley and thanking him for his help was received.

7. Chief's Report:

Sickness & Injury; Personnel Hiring Update/Recruitment:

Chief Pugner said there is still 1 officer out. Kelly Eaton will be sworn in next Wednesday and a Special Commission Meeting will follow. A new experienced officer will be starting in November and he will let everyone know when his swearing in will be.

9. Commissioner's Comments

Comm. Kolwicz thanked Sgt. Zavatsky for working so quickly to get the new signs up on Judd Avenue.

Comm. Cleary inquired how much the speed signs cost. Chief Pugner said he will be getting price quotes this next week.

A discussion ensued on the new LPR's and Dan Carter thanked the PD for getting them. Comm. Rubino said he always wants to make sure people are heard on their concerns. He also noted that the lights are out on the flag pole in front of the PD. Comm. Mannion asked about getting Commissioner ID'S.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Comm. Kolwicz at 7:24 pm. Seconded by Comm. Mannion. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Kavallines, Recording Secretary